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SUBJECT: VISIT TO DOD BY JAPANESE GOVERNORS

JOINT STATE/ DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. DURING CALL ON DEFENSE SECRETARY RICHARDSON BY
JAPANESE GOVERNORS APRIL 13, VICE GOVERNOR KAKEHASHI,
NAGASAKI PREFECTURE, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE SAFETY
OF JAPANESE LIVING NEAR US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.
HE REFERRED IN GENERAL TERMS TO PAST "EXPLOSIONS",
WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC AS TO WHERE OR WHEN THEY
OCCURRED, OR WHETHER THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY
US OPERATIONS. HE STATED FURTHER THAT PROBLEMS ARE
OFTEN IDENTIFIED AT LOCAL LEVEL AND ARE ESCALATED TO
THE NATIONAL LEVEL WHERE UNDERSTANDINGS OR AGREEMENTS
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ARE REACHED IN THE DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL. HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY CONFRONTED WITH THE PROBLEMS ARE TOO OFTEN NOT TOLD OF HOW THE ISSUES ARE RESOLVED. IN SHORT HE WAS MAKING A CASE FOR GREATER " FEED- BACK" ON DECISIONS AFFECTING LOCAL ISSUES.

2. SECRETARY RICHARDSON ASSURED THE GOVERNORS THAT HE SHARED THEIR VIEW ON THE NEED FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AFFECTING US FORCES/ INSTALLATIONS IN JAPAN. WHILE WE

APPLAUD EMBASSY AND COMUSJ PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS AND ATTENTION GIVEN TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERESTS, THERE MAY BE SOME VALUE IN EXPLORING WITH THE GOJ METHODS THAT WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF GREATER DISSEMINATION OF DIALOGUE AND DECISIONS THAT BEAR ON US- JAPAN COMMUNITY RELATIONS. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION THE METHOD AND SCOPE OF ACTION DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

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